

ECC/EFDC LOCAL HIGHWAY PANEL MINUTES

Committee: ECC/EFDC Local Highways Panel **Date:** Tuesday 7th June 2016

Place: Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 18:00 – 20:00

Members Present: **County Councillors:**

Councillors J Knapman, R Gadsby, A Jackson, V Metcalfe, M McEwen, C Pond and J M Whitehouse.

District Councillors:

Councillors R Bassett, K Chana, C Roberts, N Avey and E Webster.

Other Councillors: Councillors G Waller

Apologies: Councillor G Chambers, P Keska.

Officers Present: M Valentine (HLO - Ringway Jacobs | Essex County Council) and S Church (Highways Liaison Manager – Ringway Jacobs | Essex County Council), Anthony-Louis Belgrave (Chigwell Parish Council)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR 2016/17

It was proposed by Councillor E Webster, and seconded by Councillor K Chana that Councillor J Knapman should continue as Chairman for the Local Highways Panel during the 2016/17 financial year.

It was proposed by Highways Liaison Manager S Church, and seconded by Councillor E Webster that Councillor V Metcalfe should continue as Vice-Chairman for the Local Highways Panel during the 2016/17 financial year.

AGREED

The Local Highways Panel agreed that Councillor J Knapman, and Councillor V Metcalfe would continue as Chairman, and Vice-Chairman for the year 2016/17 financial year respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST SCHEME RECOMMENDATIONS 2016/17

There were no declarations of interest pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2016 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. EPPING FOREST LHP 2016-17 SUMMARY

The Chairman, and Local Highway Panel (LHP) were advised by the Highways Liaison Officer (HLO) of the present value of the scheme in light of the decisions taken at the Essex County Council meeting, held on Tuesday 9th February 2016.

5. SCHEME RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman, HLO, and Local Highway Panel Members considered which potential schemes should remain or be removed from the list for consideration within the 2017/18 financial year.

(1) Cycling

To be deferred to 2017/18.

(2) Passenger Transport

No Change.

(3) Public Rights of Way

No Change.

(4) Safer Roads

Item 1 – St. Leonards Road/Nazeing Road/North Street/Middle Street; highway widening project to be re-examined by the ECC Road Safety Team to determine requirement. Conclusions will be present to LHP at subsequent meeting.

(5) School Crossing Patrol

No Change.

(6) Traffic Management

Item 10 – Laundry Lane; no through road or install lockable gate; after discussion it was agreed that this project would be re-examined by ECC Highways to determine feasibility. This would include a survey of traffic flow along the aforementioned road. To be progressed.

Item 13 – B181 Lindsey Street, Epping; after discussion it was agreed that this project would be re-examined to determine feasibility. To be progressed.

Item 15 – Stonards Hill, Epping; speed reduction and traffic calming measures. After discussion it was agreed that this project would be removed from the potential schemes list.

Item 18 — Walton Gardens, Waltham Abbey; to improve the radius and width of the road to enable vehicles to not mount the kerb. Ownership of bordering land to be established. To be progressed.

Item 19 – Parklands, Waltham Abbey; improve crossing facilities and traffic calming measures. After discussion it was agreed that this project would be removed from the potential schemes list.

Item 21 – Bell Common, Epping; implement traffic calming measures. After discussion it was agreed that this project would be removed from the potential schemes list.

Item 22 – Highfield Place j/w B1393 High Road, Epping; install keep clear markings. After discussion it was agreed that this project would be removed from the potential schemes list.

Item 23 – Kendal Avenue, Epping; traffic calming measures. After discussion it was agreed that this project would be re-examined to determine feasibility, as the required traffic survey was wrongly sited. To be progressed.

(7) Quiet Lanes

Clays Lane, Loughton; Implement Quiet Lane; after discussion it was agreed that this project would be removed from the potential schemes list. To be progressed.

(8) Walking

No Change

(9) Potential Revenue

No Change

RESOLVED:

That the 2016/17 Scheme Recommendation list be altered in compliance with the suggestions from the Local Highways Panel, and possible future schemes be proposed by members at subsequent meetings.

6. INDICATIVE PROGRAMME LIST

The HLO advised members of the Highway Panel on the schemes approved and delivered from 2012/13 to 2015/16.

(1) Traffic Management

Item 1 – Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey; signal controlled crossing. The HLO informed members that one factor to the delays in the implementation of this scheme were due to the absence of a required project manager, and that the anticipated start date would now be Tuesday 30th August 2016. The duration of this project would be six to eight weeks.

Item 2 – Vicarage Lane j/w Manor Road, Chigwell. The HLO updated members on the present situation. The anticipated start date would now be Monday 11th July 2016, whilst the duration of this project would be approximately eleven days.

Item 31 – B181/Upland, Epping Upland. After discussion the HLO advised members that he would look to see if the feasibility study would be made available for completion this financial year.

After discussion it was moved by the Chairman and **RESOLVED:**

That this information be **NOTED**.

7. S106/RANGERS UPDATE

The HLO advised members of the Highway Panel on the completed schemes, and those presently being undertaken by the Highway Rangers. After discussion it was moved by the Chairman and **RESOLVED:**

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Theydon Bois Finger Sign Post Maintenance

The HLO advised the Panel that the previously suggested Finger sign-post maintenance project would require the requisite insurance arrangements in order to progress. This requirement will be considered by the respective representatives, and a response given in due course.

(2) Passenger Transport

The Chairman advised the Panel that the investigation into the feasibility of a 'Hail & ride' scheme being introduced was progressing, and engagement with the respective authorities continues. The Panel would be advised of any outcomes at the following LHP meeting.

(3) Budgetary Matters

After discussion the Chairman expressed concerns of the absence of accountability from private contractors employed on behalf of ECC Highways to undertake the approved schemes. This concern was reiterated by members, and after further discussion it was agreed that Panel representatives of ECC Highways would investigate the feasibility of more transparency with respect to how the allocated budget is calculated for suggested, as well as approved schemes.

9. FUTURE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Members agreed that the next meeting of the LHP would be held at the Civic Offices on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 6.00pm.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the next meeting of the Local Highways Panel would be held at the Civic Offices on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 6.00pm.

CHAIRMAN